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RE: State Certification of Federal High-Cost Support, CC Docket No. 96-45. Late Filed Affidavits

To the Filing Representatives:

Below is a list of carriers¹ certified by the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Texas PUC) in accordance with 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313 and 54.314², which established an annual state certification process for those carriers that have received eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) designation in Texas seeking high-cost support from the federal universal service fund. **All carriers listed below filed their affidavit late, that is, after the October 1, 2008 deadline for certification to receive federal universal service funds.** The Texas PUC previously submitted its list of timely filed affidavits on September 29, 2008. The carriers listed below have certified to the Texas PUC that all federal high-cost support³ provided to them will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with § 254(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act.

¹ This list includes each carrier's study code, if available, assigned by the National Exchange Carriers Association (NECA).

² See Federal Communications Commission's (FCC's) *Fourteenth Report and Order, Twenty Second Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* in CC Docket No. 96-45, and *Report and Order* in CC Docket No. 00-256 (May 23, 2001).

³ This includes high-cost loop support, local switching support, high-cost model support, hold harmless support, and high-cost support received pursuant to the purchase of exchanges.



TEXAS CARRIERS FILING LATE AFFIDAVITS IN 2008

	CARRIER	STUDY AREA CODE
1	Cleartel Telecommunications, Inc.	
2	nii Communications, Ltd.	

If there are any questions regarding this matter, please contact Liz Kayser at 512-936-7390 in our Competitive Markets Division.

Respectfully submitted,



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